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New DIV Application

Inv: Hideo ANDO, et al. Preliminary Amendment

Remarks/Arguments:

Favorable consideration of this application, in light of the present amendment and

following discussion, is respectfully requested.

After entry of the foregoing amendment, Claim 1 is pending, Claims 2-15 have been

canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. The specification has been amended to include a

cross reference to related applications. It is respectfully submitted that no new matter is

added by this amendment.

Consequently, in view of the foregoing discussion and present amendment, it is

respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for examination. An early and

favorable action is therefore requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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